

Drug Enforcement Administration

Environmental Management System Policy

The President's Management Agenda requires every federal agency to undertake strategic initiatives to improve management and performance. This includes the improved management of our Nation's resources through sustained environmental stewardship. Every department and agency in the Federal Government, including the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), is required by Executive Order 13423, as well as all applicable environmental laws and regulations relating to land, water, air, natural resources, and energy conservation, to be wise stewards of the assets the public has entrusted to us to accomplish our mission. Wise stewardship includes safety/occupational health, environmental protection, and environmental conservation principles. All DEA managers, employees, and contractors must incorporate environmental stewardship into their decision-making and day-to-day activities.

In order to meet these requirements DEA will develop an Environmental Management System (EMS) pursuant to the ISO 14001 standard.

Scope: This Environmental Management System Policy applies to all DEA personnel and domestic operations.

DEA is committed to:

- Continual improvement in environmental performance;
- Pollution prevention; and
- Communicating its environmental policy to all employees and to the public.

In accordance with these commitments, DEA managers and supervisors will:

- Incorporate environmental management principles into planning and budget preparation;
- Ensure that employees under their supervision enjoy workplaces which are free of known environmental risks;
- Recognize the right of employees to report health or environmental hazards, act appropriately on such reports, and refrain from reprisal for making such reports; and
- Promote and encourage all employees to practice energy conservation, waste stream reduction, and recycling.

DEA personnel and contractors will:

- Promote resource conservation by purchasing environmentally preferable products wherever feasible;
- Practice energy conservation, waste stream reduction, and recycling;
- Handle, transport, store, and destroy dangerous chemicals in full compliance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations and DEA environmental policy and procedures;
- Comply with applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations; and
- Identify and report to their superiors any unsafe working conditions or environmental concerns.




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